# **OUR FUTURE** GOVERNMENT

Views of Senator J. C. Burrows.

### THE TERRITORIAL

Why Hawaii Should Go Into the Union on Plan of Cul-Iom Bill.

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riardly a question that will come be fore the 56th Congress is so important or will receive such careful consideration as the disposition which the United States must make of the problems presented in providing governments for the islands which have re cently come into our possession. From a trade standpoint we must consider how speedily we can make the neces-sary arrangements to give American manufacturers and exporters the great-est advantages in these new markets. I do not doubt that our new posses I do not doubt that our new posses-sions have undeveloped resources of boundless extent which the enterprise and industry of the American people will develop within a very few years. Some time must pass, however, before any immediate returns can be had from this source, while there is no reason why Congress should not speed-illy exact the legislation precessory. ily enact the legislation necessary to open some of these markets to Ameriear, export trade, under conditions that will give our people an advantage

of the utmost importance.

Our relations to Cuba, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Hawaii are by no means symilar, and to some extent no means symilar, and to some extent the problems presented by the proposi-tion to enlarge our markets in their ports are entirely different. In trying to solve them we must bear in mind that important questions of national be kept in view, and it will be possible to take immediate steps with regard to some of these islands that must be de layed for some time at least with regard to others.

#### As to Hawaii.

There seems to be nothing in the way of the very early passage of the legislation necessary to extend our general statutes and custom laws to the Hawatian Islands. In the last Congress comprehensive measures were introduced in both houses by Senator introduced in both houses by Senator Cullom and Representative Hitt providing a territorial government for hawail, and the House passed a bill providing that the "laws of the United States relating to commerce, navigation and merchant seamen are hereby extended to and over the islands and merchant seamen are hereby extended to and over the islands and waters of the islands ceded to the Unit-ed States by the government of Hawaii and accepted by Joint resolution of Congress, approved July 7, 1898, so far as such laws may be applicable." This measure was intended to extend our tariff laws to the Hawaiian Islands and with some slight modifications i was favorably reported to the Senate

In reporting favorably upon this measure and the one making Hawaii territory of the United States, the com-mittee of the two houses were influence ed by practical considerations relating solely to Hawaii and its trade with the United States, and questions of general policy or precedent in the establishment of governments in the future for other insular possessions of the United States had no weight. Neither the fear nor the hope of the future state-bood of the islands had any place in the discussion of the bill or the contusions reached. There can be no clusions reached. There can be no success of its undertaking. The company has bright prospects, and Capt. Burnham yesterday in the discussion of the bill or the contustion of the work. San the discussion and Hawaiian capitalists, and is sufficiently strong to make a from the infection of the discussion of the present needs and fitness. of the people of Hawaii for the gov-ernment proposed, nor of the advan-tages which American business men will reap by reason of closer trade re-lations with the islands. The high civilization prevailing in Hawait, the general diffusion of education, the lawabiding character of the people, their general knowledge of the institutions of the United States and long-cherish-ed desire to enjoy the blessings of these institutions fairly entitle them to th representative government of a territory, and promise to make them pat rons of constantly increasing import ance of all lines of American trade, and especially of textiles. When the tariff duties are eliminated American manufacturers of cottons, woollens, and even of silk goods, ought to be able to

Puerto Rico's Importance

We know less of Puerto Rico than of Hawaii, but we know enough to appreciate the importance of the islands as a market for American goods now and hereafter. The people are doubt-less the most enlightened and most highly educated of the inhabitants of any of our insular possessions excepting possibly Hawaii. The island is at our doors and the cost of placing our products in Porto Rican markets is probably less, so far as Eastern factories are concerned, than the cost of laying down goods in the far Western ing down goods in the far Western bates. At present the tariff duties are not only high but they lack scientific adjustment, the present code being recognized merely as a makeshift designed to meet the demands of military occupation. A measure similar to that to be drafted in the case of Hawaii will probably be formulated for Porto Rico before many months and a territorial government provided that will do about 100 Japanese carpenters, now in much to develop the island, add to its Chinatown, will be placed in quaran-

ant murkes for American products is difficult to see how the manufais difficult to see how the manufactur-ors of any other country ran secure of maintain a footbodd in Ports Rice of to textless against the competition of American products as soon as the pres-cent ariff to removed. With a decided advantage in freight rates and a mar-gin equal to the countries duties in their layer American textile manufacturers should soon hold the entire trade of the stand in the hollow of their hand.

The Philippines.

The Philippines present a trade prob-lem entirely different from that found in Hawaii and Porto Rico. Ultimately to. American export trade to those isl-ands will far exceed all our shipments our other insular possessions, but outset we must remember that un the full severeignts of the United tes has been completely established the Slands we cannot shandon out lary establishments there and can install the territorial government which must accompany the institution of American laws, and especially our tariff schedules. The prospect for the speedy termination of hostilities in the Philippines is extremely bright, and it could not be surprising should the sieation in a few months be such as to enable us to establish a stable government and open all the ports to our ex-porters. The remoteness of the Island. rom our factories will make very little difference to our enterprising people a soon as the present tariff is removed Concerning the proposition to reduce the tariff in favor of American ex-porters in advance of the establish-ment of a government in the islands I can only say that in my opinion such an experiment would be contrary to all recedent unless it should be done by military authority as a temporary ex-pedient. The matter is one which may safely be left to the Administraon to handle

The Cuban Question.

The Cuban question is one nust be approached with some deliber. ation. Without considering the final destiny of the island we must remember that we have certain pledges to ful fill in regard to it and we must proceed fill in regard to it and we must proceed slowly. I do not doubt that in the near future relations will be established be-tween Cuba and the United States which will give American exporters the bulk of the island's trade, for in addition to the advantage of proximity, which guarantees low freight rates, a very slight reduction in the present Cuban tariff would give American manufacturers a practical monopoly.

J. C. BURROWS.

American-Hawaiian Line.

Manager Burnham of the Company Speaks of the Steamers and the Outlook.

Capt. W. D. Burnham of New York manager of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, is at the Hawail an hotel, having arrived on the Mariposa on Thursday from San Francisco He comes to investigate the facilities existing here for docking the vessels o h.s ..ne, the first of which, the Californian, will be due from San Francisco Owing to parliamentary complications where it is being built, next June, Capt the bill did not become a law, but a Burnham expected upon leaving San similar measure ought to pass at a graneisco to remain in Honolulu only short time, but finds that on accoun of the quarantine regulations he wild probably be unable to return before the Australia sails on Jan. 23. In the meantime, he will investigate the haror's facilities, and enjoy life in Hono-He has never before visited this ity. He has, however, in years past seen in command of vessels trading

pany will begin with four steamers, each of 6,000 tons gross tonnage, or an approximate net tounage of 3,500. The vessels, as the people here already know, are to be named the Californian, American, Hawailan and Oregonian. The Californian will be the first to call here, coming from San Francisco. She will be followed two months later by the American, from New York, and by the Hawalian and Oregonian in the order named, at intervals of about two

"We shall arrange the schedule that the steamers will leave Honolulu during the sugar season, and be coming out this way from New York in the off season. The only ports at which the steamers will touch are New York compete advantageously with the San Francisco, Honolulu, and probably cheapest products of equal quality that San Diego. When I return to the Coast can be produced even by the ill-paid it is my intention to visit the latter labor of the Orient. When it comes to port and endeavor to arrange for callmanufactures of textile fabrics such as manufactures of textile fabrics such as wearing apparel, millinery, etc., it goes without saying that the United States will be San Diego or Santa Monica, will in a short time practically monopolize the trade of the islands.

Puerto Rico's Importance.

"I have said that San Francisco, Ho-nolulu, San Diego and New York wil be our only ports of call, and so they will be, so far as trade is concerned, but the steamers will touch regularly at coronel, Chili, for coaling purposes.
All of the four vessels are to be exceptionally well supplied with coal, each having bunkers of 1,800 tons capacity—enough to carry a steamer thousands of miles. There will be no passenger accommodations, even be-tween San Francisco and Honoiulu, and no mail will be carried. In fact, the speed of the steamers—about 10½ knots—will be hardly sufficient to warrant us in trying for a mail subsidy. The vessels are altogether freighters, of large capacity, and will no doubt have all they can do."

As soon as quarters are available population and make it a more import- tine and employed as assistants.

Dr. C. B. Wood is Elected President.

Hon, Francis M. Hatch a Member --Resignations of Henry E. Cooper and L. D. Keliipio Accepted.

(From Saturday's Advertisor a

A meeting of the Board of Health was held m. I o'clock yesterday aftersoon, when the following members were present: Minister Cooper, Dre Day, Wood and Emerson and Mr. G. W. Smith. President Dole was also at be meeting.

President Cooper announced the apcointment of Mr. F. M. Hatch as a number of the Board, in place of L. D. Kellipio, resigned.

Mr. Cooper handed in his resignation president of the Board. Owing to the heavy claim upon his time since the plague outbreak, he said he had found it impossible to attend to his duties as Astorney General, and while n no way endeavoring to back out of he heavy responsibility as President the heavy responsibility as President of the Board, he found himself utterly inable to retain both positions, and was compelled to adopt his present ac-ion. Mr. Cooper expressed a desire to iselst his successor by every means in his power, and would always take an ctive interest, as a member only, in he work of the Board of Health.

A resolution accepting Mr. Cooper's esignation was adopted with many exressions of regret by the memb

Mr. Cooper nominated Dr. C. B. Wood for the vacant chair, the motion was seconded by Mr. G. W. Smith and

Dr. Wood then took his seat as prodent of the Board of Health, and expressed a desire to meet every responsi-bility of his position, with the assist-ance of the members, in a manner best suited to the health of the community

Dr. N. B. Emerson reported progress on work of the committee appointed by the Board, for the purpose of drawing up a list of suggestions upon the most satisfactory course of procedure in the purification of the city. He stafed that there was urgent need for the appointment of some person, a sanitary en-gineer by preference, whose duty w uid be to satisfy the Board that their instructions regarding the sani-tary condition of buildings under con-struction, were compiled with. This work at present falls upon the indi-vidual members of the Board and upon the Superintendent of Public Works, and during the present trouble, the attention of the Board is so taken up with matters in Chinatown, that such an appointment becomes a necessity.

Some Important Resolutions.

A suggestion by Dr. Emerson, tha all building operations in the infecte districts be suspended, resulted in the adoption of the following motion:

"That the erection and construction of any building whatsoever, on land in any district declared by the Board of realth to be infected, is hereby pro-

"That a copy of the resolution be furnished to the Minister of the In-erior for communication to the super-

on endent of Public Works.

On motion by Mr. Cooper, seconder y Mr. Smith, it was resolved that

"All that portion of the city of Hoactula bounded by Nauana, Kukui River and Queen lectured by the Board to be an infect A suggestion by Mr Cooper that th

street sprinkling carts belonging to the lepartment, be called into use for the purpose of distributing a solution o sulphuric acid through the city street as a disinfectant, met with the ap proval of the Board and the supervis n of the work was entrusted to Mr

A discussion upon the term of quar antine imposed upon persons takes from the infected districts and confin-ed in the detention camps, was ex-

ressed in the following resolution: Taat the period of quarantine of al ersons taken from infected district ten full days.

In view of the number of communi-cations received by the Board from persons in the quarantine district, ask-ing for permission to isolate themeives in private quarantine for an approved term, at their own expense, i vas resolved

That the Chinese and Japanese Con ils be notified, that such quaranting e permitted by the Board, pro ided suitable structures are provided.
The consideration of minor applica ons was deferred until such time a hese buildings are erected

The President reported the case of a Chinaman taken from a restaurant on Nunanu, between Queen and Marin streets, as a plague victim. Four persons from the same house were removed. ed to the pest hospital, and about forty were escorted to the rifle butts at Ka

kasko, under guard.
The district bounded by Queen, Nuu anu and Marin, and a line drawn be-tween Marin and Queen streets, was declared a nuisance and a source of danger to the community, and the Board, on motion, ordered its destruction by fire. This order will probably be carried into effect this morning. With regard to diagnoses of plague

eses, it was resolved: "That the diagnoses of physicians, imployed by the Board, be accepted as inal and so declared officially."

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